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Israeli Air Strikes — Israeli aircraft conducted two strikes against "terrorist bases" 13 February, Jerusalem radio reported. Following a predawn air raid on the 'Ayn al-Hulwah camp south of Sidon, helicopter gunships also attacked Al-Miyah wa Miyah. Beirut radio noted the air raids were accompanied by "intensive bombardment from Israeli gunboats." Two Palestinians were killed and several others wounded, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon.

Camps War — A "responsible source" cited by Damascus television outlined Syria's 5-point plan for an end to the camps war, including an "immediate and comprehensive cease-fire" and "the immediate entry of food supplies." Voice of National Resistance radio reported 13 February that Amal Movement members were returning to Maghdushah positions vacated by the Palestinians. However, according to a PNSF source cited by Voice of Lebanon radio, 5 people were killed and 15 wounded when Amal shelled Burj al-Barajinah following the Palestinian withdrawal from Maghdushah.

Lebanese Hostage — Islamic Jihad claimed resposibility for kidnapping former presidential adviser Jean 'Ubayd, Voice of Lebanon radio reported, adding that contacts to secure his release have had "positive results."

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi aircraft attacked a residential area of the Iranian capital 13 February, Tehran radio reported. The radio also cited a military announcement that in retaliation for 12 February Iraqi air raids on various cities, including Tehran and Tabriz, Iranian planes attacked economic installations in the Al 'Amadiyah region. IRNA reported that Iraqi air strikes on residential areas of Ahvaz caused property damage but no casualties, while a 12 February communique cited by the agency said that Iraqi air attacks on other Iranian cities caused "scores" of civilian casualties. The communique noted that a surface-to-surface missile inflicted "considerable damage" on industrial sites in the Basra area. For Iraq's part, a communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio reported that Iranian shelling killed 1 civilian and wounded 10 in Basra and that in Al-Sulaymaniyah 2 civilians were killed and 18 wounded.

In remarks cited by Tehran radio, the Iranian interior minister announced that the government will cooperate to build bomb shelters "in urban areas, inside mosque courtyards, and in school playing fields." In addition to retaliation, Iran must take action to strengthen its defenses and to reduce casualties from Iraqi air strikes, he declared.

Iran

Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati and his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, held talks in a "businesslike and frank atmosphere," TASS reported. Prior to his departure for Moscow, Velayati told Tehran radio that he planned to discuss regional issues and bilateral relations.

In an audience with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, the commander of the Islamic Revolution Committee presented a report on training and performance, Tehran radio reported.

Egypt

Referendum — Interior Minister Zaki Badr announced that voting in the 12 February referendum on dissolving the People's Assembly went smoothly and that results will be announced 14 February, MENA reported. According to an *Al-Ahram* projection cited by AFP, 90 percent of the electorate voted in favor of the proposal which is backed by both the government and the opposition. In a related development, President Husni Mubarak issued a decree which promulgates various amendments to the law on political rights, MENA reported. The decree provides for the nomination of independent candidates for the People's Assembly and the distribution of seats. In remarks broadcast on Cairo radio, President Mubarak stressed his commitment to democracy and his lack of "personal goals." "I achieve nothing by rigging elections," he said. Mubarak declared, however, that the primary issue in Egypt is not democracy but the "very difficult economic crisis."

Relations With Soviets — President Mubarak received Anatoliy Gromyko, director of Moscow's African Studies Institute, who is in Cairo for an Egyptian-Soviet symposium, MENA reported.

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